

Blessed be God there is a Man of whom God hath said this, even when under the very wrath of the cross. But He stands in this alone, as in all else beside. When He cried, out of those mighty depths—"He weakeneth my strength in the way—He shorteneth my days; I said: O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days," what was the reply? It was then the glory of the self-existing one is expressed: "Thy years are throughout all generations. Of old hast thou laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou remainest; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed. But *Thou art*, and thy years shall have no end. (Psalm cii. 23-27; and Heb. i. and xiii.)

What then must be the first expression of a soul which has to do with God? It exclaims, "God is!" "He that cometh to God must believe that *He is*, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Heb. xi. 6.) God says of Himself, "I Am." He says to Jesus, as Man in weakness, "Thou Art," and the believing soul bows in faith, saying, "He is!" This is the grammar of divine realities.

We see the result of this in Chapter iv. 29-31. We find in those verses, a lovely expression of the sinner's true attitude when first he has to do with God as a Saviour; when he has been seized with the reality of God before his conscience. He has